

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
**P-3914F1P1P2P1R1**

In Re Application of: **WILKINSON ET AL.**

Serial No.  
**09/771,394**

Filing Date  
**1/26/01**

Examiner  
**M. H. THALER**

Group Art Unit  
**3731**

Invention: **SURGICAL SCALPEL**

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of **7/9/03** in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: **Oct. 9, 2003**    until: **Dec. 9, 2003**  
*Date*    *Date*

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**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

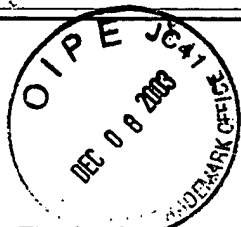
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	86 -	77 =	9	x \$18.00	\$162.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	12 -	9 =	3	x \$86.00	\$258.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$420.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$420.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$840.00</b>

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02 FC:1201 258.00 DA  
03 FC:1202 162.00 DA

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of **\$840.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. **02-1666** in the amount of **\$840.00**
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-1666**
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **02-1666**

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Dated: **December 4, 2003**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on **12/4/03** with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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